

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the following claims as follows:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently amended) ~~The~~ A method for disseminating stock quotes in real time, said method comprising: of Claim 1, wherein said provider is

receiving stock quote information from a field vender by a quote server;

in response to a stock quote request from a user by a contact server, said contact server requesting said stock quote request from said stock quote server;

sending a respective stock quote according to said stock quote request to said contact server by said quote server; and

disseminating said stock quote to said user by said contact server.

3. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 2~~1~~, wherein said contact server is a workstation.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently amended) A~~The~~ stock quoting system comprising: of Claim 4, wherein said provider is

a quote server positioned to receive stock quote information from a field vender;

a contact server positioned to request a stock quote request from said quote server in response to said stock quote request being requested by a user;

means for sending a respective stock quote according to said stock quote request to said contact server by said quote server; and

means for disseminating said stock quote to said user by said contact server.

6. (Currently amended) The stock quoting system of Claim 54, wherein said contact server is a workstation.

7. (Currently Amended) -The method as defined in Claim 3, further comprising: ~~the step of determining if the information is being requested by a user is accomplished by the quote server~~ determining by the quote server if the contact server is requesting a particular stock quote; and ~~the step of sending the requested information to the contact server is accomplished by the quote server sending the requested information to the contact server.~~

8. (Previously Presented) -The method as defined in Claim 7, wherein the contact server is a workstation.

9. (Previously Presented) The method as defined in Claim 7, wherein a database is associated with the quote server, and the method further comprises tracking the history of each particular stock quote using the database.

10. (Previously Presented) -The method as defined in Claim 9, further comprising:

receiving the particular stock quote;

determining if the particular stock quote is in the database;

adding the particular stock quote to the database if the particular stock quote is not in the database; and

updating the database if the particular stock quote is already in the database.

11. (Currently amended) -The stock quoting system as defined in Claim 5, wherein the means for disseminating said stock quote to said user includes means for disseminating said stock quote

to a plurality of users, and wherein the plurality of users is a respective plurality of trading stations requesting said stock quote information is stock quotes.

12. (Currently amended) -The stock quoting system as defined in Claim 11, further comprising a database associated with the quote server and positioned to track the history of each particular stock quote, and wherein the quote server is further positioned to determine~~determines~~ if the particular stock quote is in the database, ~~adds~~ add the particular stock quote to the database if the particular stock quote is not in the database, and ~~updates~~ update the database if the particular stock quote is already in the database.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently amended) —~~The~~ A system for disseminating real time information comprising:~~as defined in Claim 13, wherein the provider is~~

a quote server positioned to receive stock quote information from a field vender;

a contact server positioned to request a stock quote from the quote server responsive to the stock quote request being requested by a user;

means associated with the quote server and responsive to the stock quote request for sending a stock quote to the contact server; and

means associated with the contact server for disseminating the stock quote received from the quote server to at least one user.

15. (Currently amended) -The system as defined in Claim ~~13~~14, wherein the contact server is a workstation.

16. (Currently amended) -The system as defined in Claim ~~13~~14, further comprising a database associated with the quote server and positioned to track the history of each particular stock quote,

and wherein the quote server further ~~positioned to determine~~determines if the particular stock quote is in the database, ~~adds~~add the particular stock quote to the database if the particular stock quote is not in the database, and ~~update~~updates the database if the particular stock quote is already in the database.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Canceled)

19. (Canceled)

20. (Canceled)

21. (New) The method of Claim 2, wherein the step of disseminating said stock quote to said user by said contact server includes disseminating said stock quote to a plurality of users by said contact server, and wherein said plurality of users are a corresponding plurality of trading stations.

22. (New) The system as defined in Claim 14, wherein the at least one user is a plurality of users, and wherein said plurality of users are a corresponding plurality of trading stations.